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East German Court Told Of 'CIA Plot' to Get Mig

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EAST BERLIN, Aug. 5—An East German who said he was an agent of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency told Communist high court judges today of plans to lure an East German pilot into flying a Russian plane containing secret equipment to the West.

Guenter Laudahn, an East Berliner who escaped to the West in 1962, said he was sent to East Berlin three months ago to contact the brother of an East German fighter pilot.

"I told him that the more equipment the Mig-21 jet fighter contained the higher the price would be," Laudahn told the court.

Laudahn, a 36-year-old electrical engineer, Hans-Juergen Hanke, 22, a waiter, and werner Baecker, 29, a lathe operator, went on trial today accused of acting as Western agents.

All three were described as East German citizens who had left to live in West Berlin.

Laudahn said he was recruited into the CIA in West Germany soon after leaving East Berlin. When he was sent to East Berlin in April it was the biggest job he had done.

"I was told landing plans would be supplied, East German radar devices would be made useless, both brothers would be looked after once they were in West Germany, and all their relatives would be got out of East Berlin," Laudahn said.

All this he told to the man he met in an East Berlin Park —Klaus Dieter Junge.

Deputy State Prosecutor Guenter Wendland said Junge immediately told the security authorities and Laudahn was arrested when he came to East Berlin again on May 30 to deliver a coded letter giving definite instructions for the defection.

Wendland said Hanke, working for the West German Secret Service and a "CIA-directed terror organization," was involved in a plan to tunnel under the Berlin Wall. Baecker is accused of working with a West Berlin organization to smuggle two East German scientists from Bulgaria into Turkey.

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